

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL *for the Eighth Circuit*

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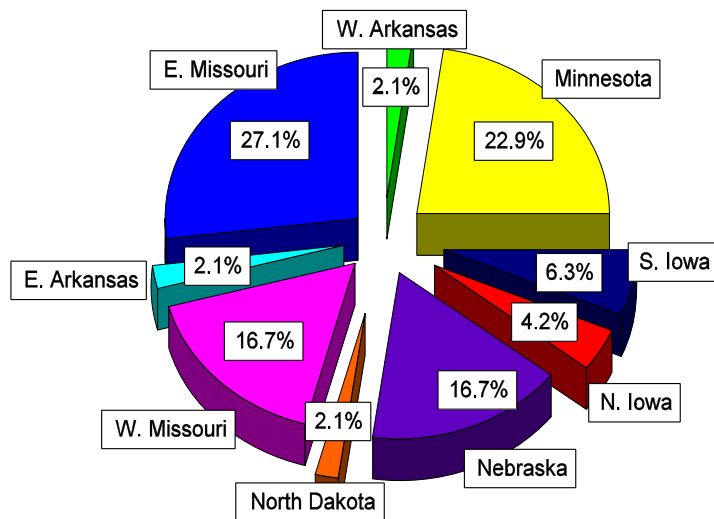
## STATISTICAL REPORT -- SECOND QUARTER 2006

### New Case Filings

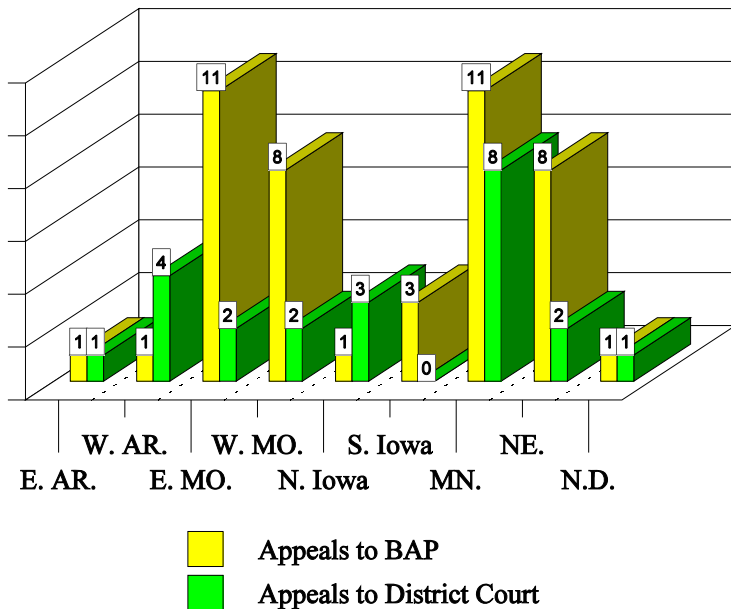
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**New Cases**

Eastern Arkansas	1
Western Arkansas	1
Northern Iowa	2
Southern Iowa	3
Minnesota	11
Eastern Missouri	13
Western Missouri	8
Nebraska	8
North Dakota	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>



## District Court Elections



The chart to the left compares the number of appeals taken to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel with those taken to the District Courts. In the first two quarters of 2006, sixty-eight appeals were taken from the Bankruptcy Courts. Forty-five of those cases (66%) were appealed to and remained with the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel; twenty-three of the cases (34%) were appealed directly to or were transferred to the District Courts.

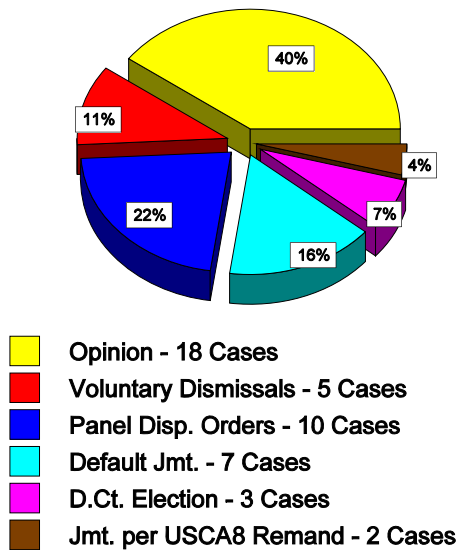
## Case Processing Time

Listed in the table below are average processing times calculated for cases submitted on the merits which were subsequently closed between January 1, 2006 and June 30, 2006.

Interval:	1	2	3	Total Processing Time
From:	Docketing	Aplee's Brief	Submission	
To:	Aplee's Brief	Submission	Disposition	
Cases Submitted w/Arg.	83 days 2.8 months	96 days 3.1 months	34 days 1.1 months	213 days 7 months
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All Cases	87 days 2.8 months	70 days 2.2 months	30 days 1 month	187 days 6 months

## Panel Referrals

In the first two quarters of 2006, ten referrals were made to Administrative Panels; two of those cases were subsequently referred back to the panel, resulting in a total of twelve Administrative Panel referrals. Six cases were submitted on the merits without oral argument and nine cases were submitted on the merits after oral argument. Hearings were held in St. Louis, Fargo and Des Moines.

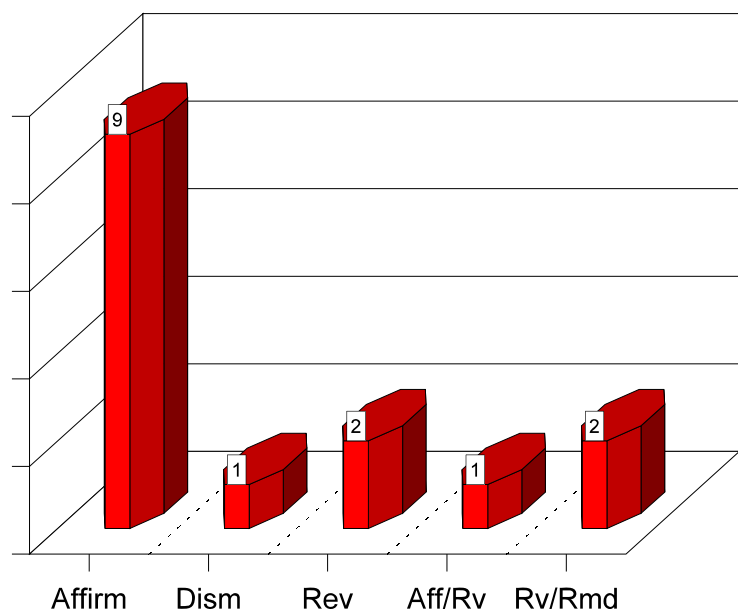


## Case Dispositions

Forty-three cases were closed in the first six months of 2006. In addition, two cases which had previously been closed were re-opened and new judgments were entered pursuant to remand orders from the U.S. Court of Appeals. The court wrote a total of fifteen opinions which disposed of eighteen cases. To the left is a breakdown of the method by which each case was closed.

## Opinion Breakdown

The chart to the right breaks down each dispositive opinion by its outcome. As shown in the chart, 60% of the opinions affirmed the Bankruptcy Court decision.



## Judge Statistics

In the first six months of 2006, the court issued a total of fifteen dispositive opinions and twelve dispositive orders. In addition, seventeen non-dispositive opinions and orders were entered at the direction of the court.

## **Appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals**

Five notices of appeal were taken to the Court of Appeals from the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel in the first two quarters of 2006. In addition, thirteen cases were pending before the Court of Appeals at the beginning of the year. Nine cases were closed by the Court of Appeals during the last six months, leaving a total of nine pending cases. Following is a breakdown of the method by which BAP cases appealed to the Court of Appeals were closed:

Affirmed . . . . .	6
Affirmed in Part/Reversed in Part . . . . .	1
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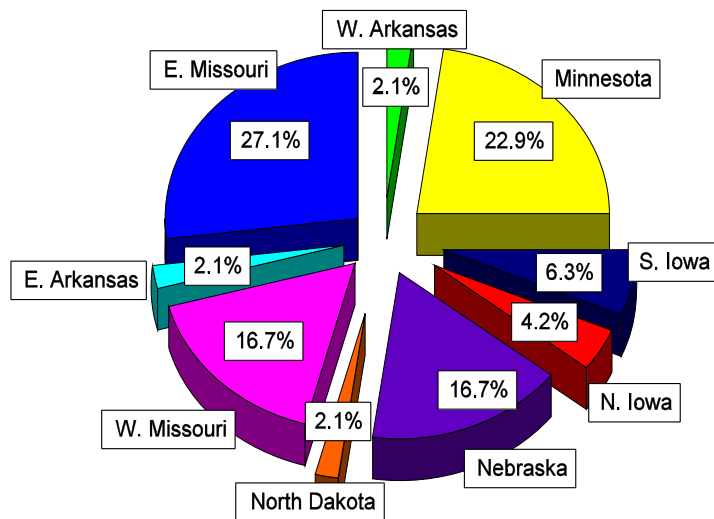
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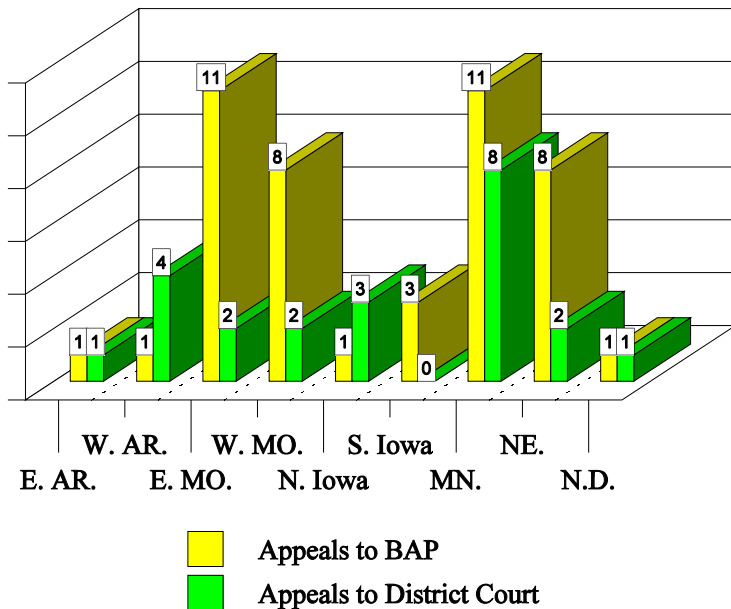
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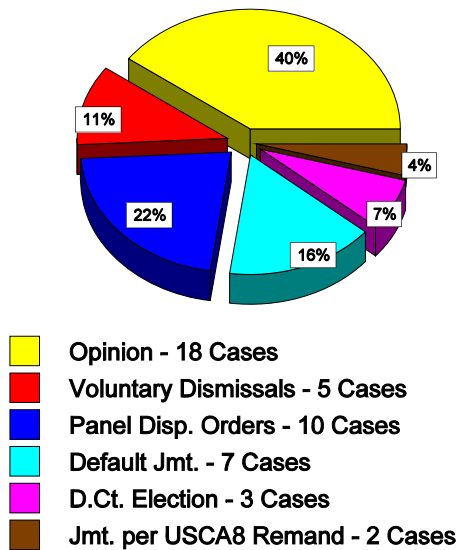
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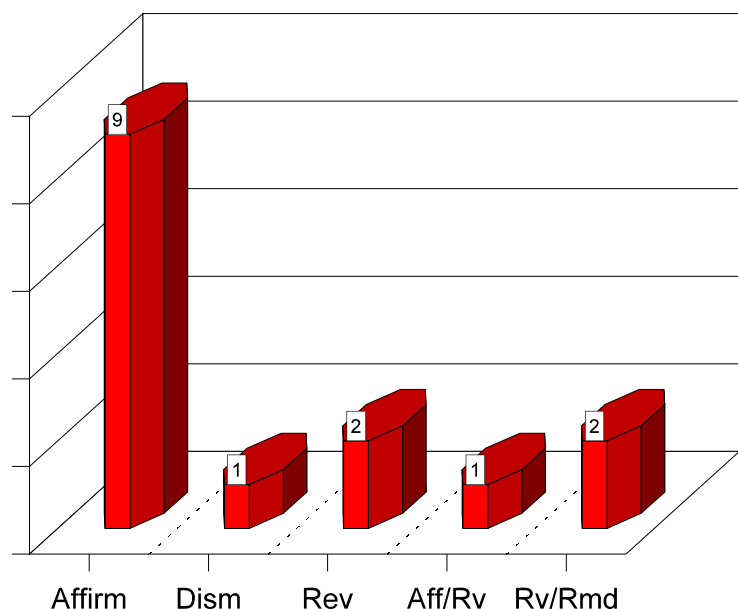


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